The rules relating to the Benefit Fund are not so favourable to the teachers as the Licensed Teachers' Provident Fund. But it has got its own good points. The main object of the Benefit Fund is to see that some kind of provision is made for old age so far as the aided Vernacular schools are concerned. Taking into consideration the financial implications involved, the attitude of the managers and the working of the Travancore Teachers Benefit Fund to which I have just referred, I can only conclude by saying that Government view this resolution with sympathy and that they will consider the matter, examine its financial implications and, if they find that the financial commitment involved is not too heavy, they will take up this question for serious consideration. In view of this assurance, I trust the honourable member who has moved this resolution will see his way to withdraw it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know how the Travancore Teachers Benefit Fund is contributed ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Payment is contributed entirely by the teachers. The managers contribute nothing.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Sir, a word in reply. This House has been told of the difficulties in applying the principle underlying the resolution before the House. So far as financial commitment is concerned, to me it appears that no financial commitment would be too heavy provided we care for the efficiency of the educational institutions. A good deal of the efficiency of grant-in-aid schools depends upon the security of tenure and also the prospect of an old age pension for the teachers. So, I believe that Government would be pleased to recognise the fact that, regardless of the possible unwillingness on the part of the managers, the provision regarding licensed Teachers' Provident Fund at least should be made compulsory for all schools. So far as Government have assured this House that it will examine the proposition, enquire into its working and the possibilities of extending its operations to all the aided schools in the State, I would, for the moment, take the leave of this House to withdraw the motion.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

The following resolutions were not moved :—

'Reduction of water-tax.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: *This Assembly recommends to the Government that the water-tax of seven rupees per acre for the puduval wet lands in the areas commanded by the Kodayar Project, be reduced to five rupees.*

Disposal of Pokkuvaravu cases.

MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI: *This Assembly recommends to the Government that arrangement be made for the disposal of pokkuvaravu cases arising every year before the close of that year.*

Appointment of persons not knowing Malayalam or Tamil.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: *This Assembly recommends to the Government that no one who could not speak either Malayalam or Tamil be appointed in future in the services of this country.*

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